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Sustainable housing and real estate markets

Draft Programme of Work of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group for 2019-2020

Note by the Bureau of the Committee

Summary

The Committee adopted the programme of work of the Real Estate Advisory Group for the period 2017-2018 at its seventy-seventh session (ECE/HBP/2016/3).

In 2018, the Advisory Group prepared a proposal for its draft programme of work for 2019-2020. The draft was further discussed with the Bureaux of the Committee and its Working Party on Land Administration that agreed on the content of the proposed draft.

This document contains the draft programme of work 2019-2020 based on the discussions with the Bureaux of the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration.

The Committee is invited to endorse and recommend to the Executive Committee to approve the REM programme of work for the period 2019-2020.

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I. Objectives

1. The Real Estate Market Advisory Group supports the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration in the implementation of their programmes of work, with special attention to cluster one of the Committee's programme of work, "Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets". In this regard, the Advisory Group assists the Committee and the Working Party on Land Administration to develop stronger and more sustainable housing real estate markets and reports to both bodies.

II. Activities

2. The activities of the Advisory Group address, according to its terms of reference (ECE/HBP/2018/6), the following thematic priorities:

(a) Energy efficient housing

(b) Building standards

(c) Affordable and social housing and real estate economics (including sharing economy)

(d) Housing finance (including transparent and advanced financial products for housing)

(e) Management of multi-apartment buildings

(f) Property valuation and registration

(g) Smart and sustainable urban development, and

(h) Land markets and land administration.

III. Proposed activities for the programme of work 2019–2020

3. The Advisory Group will:

(a). Organize, in cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration, international workshops and side events that will promote the implementation of the Committee's and the Working Party's programmes of work and the dissemination of information about the Committee and Working Party's activities, including on the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing;

(b) Support the dissemination of information on the Charter through presentations at international meetings, and the preparation of articles in books, journals and mass media, including social media;

(c) Provide input into the Committee's activities on smart cities, including the preparation of smart city indicators and standards, the development of smart city profiles and cities action plans.[1] REM members will participate in events and capacity building workshops as experts in the preparation of smart city profiles, and will also support the

[1] http://www.unece.org/housing/smartcities.html

ECE secretariat with fundraising for future activities under this topic. REM members will also participate in the initiative United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC);

(d) Participate in the Committee's activities on energy efficient and affordable housing, including workshops, training sessions, the preparation of studies as agreed upon by the Committee, and fundraising for future activities under this topic;

(e) Prepare studies under the above-mentioned thematic priorities. Other specific activities in support of the Committee and the Working Party Programme of Work should be in line with point B3 above. Prior to implementing new proposals, they must be submitted for consideration to the secretariat by the Committee's Bureau.

4. The Committee is invited to endorse the REM programme of work for 2019-2020.